

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

NOTICE OF MEETING COMMISSION CONFERENCE

MINUTES

Jarvis Hall

4505 Ocean Drive

Monday, December 7, 2009

5:30 P.M.

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, and Commissioner Birute Ann Clotey.

Ernie Ojito and Raul Ocampo were present on behalf of Ocampo & Associates. Paul Novak, Bob Eckblad, Sandra Booth, Marilyn Carr, and Mary Ann Wardlaw were present on behalf of the Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC).

Mr. Ocampo gave a PowerPoint presentation of several alternate concepts designed by Ocampo & Associates. Option #1 was the original concept designed and presented by Ocampo & Associates several months ago. This concept dealt mainly with the median on El Mar Drive which included street furniture and lighting. Option #2 included the median and the two adjacent lanes being converted into pedestrian walkway / traffic way. Mr. Ocampo explained that the difference between option #1 and option #2 were the adjacent lanes becoming more pedestrian friendly with different textured concrete. He added that those lanes would not be completely eliminated. Option #3 addressed widening the sidewalks to eight (8) feet, fixing drainage along the area, and landscaping the median with no pedestrian walkways; only grass. Option #4 was a complete package which would create pedestrian friendly medians, widen the sidewalks, fix the drainage, and stamp the concrete of the adjacent lanes. Mr. Ocampo suggested doing the medians first to alleviate the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. This would allow the others to be completed later without digging up previously completed projects.

Mr. Ocampo explained that option #2 would cost \$796.00 per linear foot, option #3 would cost \$1030.83 per linear foot, and option #4 would cost \$1412.00 per linear foot. There was discussion regarding the exact linear footage between Pine Avenue and Palm Avenue and whether some of the \$1 million could also be used on the north end of El Mar Drive. Mr. Ocampo clarified that all four options included some drainage work that the Commission could choose not to do. Mr. Ojito reminded the Commission that when they consider widening the sidewalks, they should take into consideration the problem of back out parking on El Mar Drive.

The Commission discussed the amount of money it would take to complete the drainage project along El Mar Drive and possibly incorporate electricity in the medians. Some Commissioners were concerned with construction disruptions during high season. Mr. Ocampo explained that a lot of work still needed to be completed on paper, including the permitting process, before any construction was to begin. The Commission discussed the

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type of material that would be used to stamp the concrete and whether or not it would be comfortable for pedestrians to walk on. Some Commissioners believed creating walkways in the median would increase safety issues and discussed possibly lowering the speed limit on El Mar Drive to 15 mph. It was the suggestion of the MPSC to fix the infrastructure problems and then borrow funds to complete the remainder of the project. The Commission discussed continuity along El Mar Drive. It was the consensus of the Commission to give the project back to the MPSC to gain an overall concept before spending the \$1 million and return to the Commission at a later date with their recommendations. With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:

June White, Town Clerk

Date